

February 5, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary,
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554
RE: Proceeding 03-16 (must include this number)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce is committed to improving the business climate and overall quality of life for Wayne County businesses and residents alike. Many of the businesses represented by the Chamber have been loyal customers of SBC for many years.

We believe SBC should be permitted to compete for long distance customers in Michigan. More long distance competition in the state will help strengthen the economy here in Michigan.

It's only fair that a core business in Michigan be able to compete on a level playing field with its competitors. SBC invests more in the state than any other telecommunications company and has always exhibited a strong commitment to the community and its customers. Economically stable companies like SBC are good for the economy, consumers and local communities—like those that make up the Downriver area.

We urge the Federal Communications Commission to recommend that Michigan join the many states already enjoying the benefits of full and fair competition. We also urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve SBC's application.

Sincerely,

Edward Clemente
President

David Glaab
Chairman of the Board